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Dear Bill,

Just got to read Art's first-rate job from Baton Rouge 5/5.

He's loosin' hair, but not marbles!

And he's already gotten more from Baton Rouge than I knew!

But there remains a lingering fear, and I do not want either of you to get turned around, or your friend.

When I could get nobody interested - and you may recall that I did try - I had too many other things I couldn't keep up with to work on that.

But I am pretty certain that as of the time of the State Labor-Management Committee in Baton Rouge, beginning about 4/68, Partin was working closely and freely with Sergeant Pitcher, from whom I once took a call when he was fishing. I knew a couple of finks Walter Sheridan hooked for Pitcher et al. If Garrison's office hasn't lost the tape, and par would have it gone, I have six hours of one on tape. Not secretly, either. Plus a subsequent phone conversation.

This is not quite the representation Partin now makes. There was also a reporter on the Baton Rouge paper who told me the whole story of how Partin participated in that hooking. May have a note on it. Remember he was an old timer, had been a wire-service man in D.C.

I've been curious about Sheridan and his long silence. What is he up to now? For whom is he working?

It is not impossible that these two did a job for/with Sheridan in Detroit but I'm not certain. They told me about it in a way that makes this a fair interpretation. One was Dave Ferrie's godson. The other spilled how Sheridan tried to bribe him and then how, if called before any kind of investigation, they had rigged it to blame it on another.

Real nice people Art looks into! Congratulations on a great job.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg